

THE GAZETTE.

THE OFFICIAL CITY PAPER.

AVERAGE CIRCULATION OF DAILY AND WEEKLY 8,500.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Call and see our display before you select a holiday present.

STEARN & BAKER.

Fine ladies' Dongola kid shoes at \$1.50, M. SAMUELS.

If you will consult the clairvoyant physician and business medium, she will give you correct information upon every subject. Permanent location, Central House parlors. Office hours 10 a. m. to 9 p. m.

A nice line of slippers for the holidays. Call and see. M. SAMUELS.

The Maple Grove Dairy will sell milk hereafter at four cents per quart. Parties wishing to purchase tickets, can obtain them from the driver on the wagon. C. A. DOWNING.

Burns & Boland are offering the greatest bargains in clocks of any house in the city.

Grubb Bros., cash grocers, corner Milwaukee and Jackson streets.

The finest display of holiday presents in the city at Burns & Boland's.

New store, new goods and prices right at Grubb Bros.

If you want the most stylish clock in the city for the least money, go to Burns & Boland's.

NOTICE TO FARMERS—You will find our stock of wool bales and covers complete, and our prices will be as heretofore, always the lowest.

BROWN BROS.

T. J. Zeigler advertises a fire sale without our stock of wool bales and covers complete, and our prices will be as heretofore, always the lowest.

Have you seen the 5A five mile horse blanket? If not, why not? If you have a horse, you need one.

CLACKS—We show them by the car load. ARCHIE REID.

Headquarters for all the latest novelties in fancy work, wedding and holiday presents, for plain and fancy yarns, the most complete line of toys in the city are at Spoon & Snyder's.

No such stock of clocks in the northwest as we are now showing. ARCHIE REID.

Underwear, hosiery and gloves at astonishing low prices at Burns & Boland's.

Fine Malaga grapes, Florida oranges and Delicata cluster raisins at Grubb Bros.

We are determined to close out our entire line of clocks this season, and will make prices from now on that will do it. BURNS & BOLAND.

There is nothing more appropriate for a Christmas present than a nice dress; and in order to give everyone a chance to buy one, we have made a great cut on all kinds of dress goods, silks, plushes and velvets, at Burns & Boland's.

Our choice Michigan apples at Grubb Bros., \$2.75 per barrel.

Handsome wall pockets, 25 cents and \$1.00; Wheelocks; comb and brush sets 75 cents; up; fairy lamps; paper napkins; Keystone and Dover egg beaters; 100 styles of dolls.

All groceries cheapest in the city at W. T. Vankirk's, 18 Main street.

DON'T BELIEVE it when our credit competitor tells you that 25 cent rubbers are worthless; try a pair of our twenty-five centers and if they do not prove good wearers we will refund the price paid. We are trying to convince you that it pays to trade at a cash store. We have Misses and child's heel and spring at same price. BROWN BROS.

1898 nuts of all kinds at Grubb Bros.; a nut cracker and pick with every pound.

POLICE! POLICE! Compare the genuine Douglas police shoes with any of the imitations on the market and, convince yourself which is the best. All we ask is a trial and we will leave the decision with you. BROWN BROS., Agents.

The usual great holiday sale has commenced at Sutherland's bookstore.

Fine furs at J. M. Bostwick & Sons.

Hurvey's Pectoral Mucilage, 35 cents, at Stearns & Baker's.

WANTED.—Girls to make shirts. Steady work year around. Belmont Overall Factory, H. ROSENBLATT & SONS.

LOST.—A jet setting from finger ring, Initial "Y," inset with gold in center. Return to Gazette and receive reward.

A celluloid brush, comb and mirror in a plush case for \$1.25 at Stearns & Baker's.

Flash comb and brush cases cheaper than ever offered, at Stearns & Baker's.

Imported jams, jellies and preserves 20 and 25 cents, at Denniston's.

Hygienic tooth powder, the very best, at Stearns & Baker's.

See holiday display at Stearns & Baker's.

You could hardly think of buying a new clock before looking over the largest stock in town at our store. J. M. BOSTWICK & SONS.

Hard Times Prices. Wood all sawed twice and split. Hard maple, \$7.25; second growth oak, \$6.00; poplar, \$5.00; pine slabs, \$5.00 per cord. Best Lignum and Sorghum hard coal at prices that always sell. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

DAVID K. JEFFRIES. Telephone 62. East side customers leave orders at Myers' grocery.

FOR RENT—No. 127 Madison street, good house with water and modern improvements. A good barn on the premises. FRANK DANO, 58 Jackson Street.

House with barn to let; also house without barn.

BRIEFLETS.

"Cream" cheese a specialty at Fred Vankirk's.

All Souls bazar and supper this evening at the church parlors.

Fred Vankirk's tea prizes are "winners." Go and get one.

Mr. A. Richardson left for Milwaukee this morning on business.

A complete line of fruits, nuts, candies, etc., cheap at Fred Vankirk's.

Justice F. A. Ames, of Clinton, is transacting business at the court house to-day.

Mr. Peter Myers, Jr., who has been attending school at Kenosha, was home for a few hours to-day.

Those desiring to study violin or guitar with F. W. Spencer, call immediately at the telephone office.

Janeville Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, assemble in regular assembly this morning on business at Masonic hall.

Meers. W. G. Palmer and Mr. Stratton, left for Little Prairie, Wisconsin, this morning, to attend the District Lodge of Good Templars to be held at that place.

Prof. I. Brand, of Madison, will give a fine educational entertainment under the auspices of the Epworth League, at Court Street church, next Tuesday evening.

There will be a public dance at LaPrairie Grange hall this evening.

Smith & Anderson will furnish the music and a good time is guaranteed to all who attend.

Presbyterian social to-morrow (Friday) evening, at the home of the Misses Williams, 121 Madison street. Supper ready promptly at six o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Since January first, 1899, the Janesville fire department has responded to forty fire alarms, being the greatest number in any one year since the organization in 1854-5.

Carpenters are at work up near the roof of the new factory building of Thorngood & Co., and it now looks as though the building will be completed inside the contract time.

The Q. I. Z. C. club was to have met last evening with Miss Carrie Plowright, No. 117 Fourth avenue, but the meeting was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Mr. Orrin W. Bemis and bride arrived in the city from Batavia, New York on the limited last night. They will be at home to their friends at No. 21 Milwaukee avenue, after December 21st.

The celebrated "Banana" hams and breakfast bacon, only at Fred Vankirk's.

The first party of the series given under the auspices of Oriental Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias, will be given at Castle hall this evening. Tuckwood's orchestra will furnish the music.

The new rooms of the Rock County Caledonian Society, in the Bennett block, will be duly opened to the public this evening. A social will be held at eight o'clock, which will be followed by a dance.

P. J. Rice, the fat and jolly traveling salesman for F. M. Marzolf & Co., is wondering what his arrival in town has to do with the fire alarm system. He thinks that he must have some magnetic influence over the wires, as every time he comes home an alarm is turned in.

County Clerk Williams has received a letter from Capt. Edward Rager, appointing Mr. O. G. Bleedorn deputy county surveyor, as recommended by the county board at their last meeting.

Mr. Bleedorn is well qualified for the position, and his many friends will congratulate him on his appointment.

The Knights of Pythias will hold the first of a series of socials at Castle hall to-night. These socials will be continued every alternate Thursday night during the winter. Music by Prof. Kent's orchestra. Visiting Knights cordially invited. First number will be called at 9 o'clock.

J. M. Bostwick & Sons have purchased the store occupied by Mrs. Sadler, Walter Helms, City Music Store and A. O. Manger, known as the Geo. C. Tallman estate property on South Main street. The sale was made by Silas Hayner, insurance and real estate agent. Consideration, \$13,500.

Fancy "Albany duck" flour and a pure maple syrup, at Fred Vankirk's.

The alarm of fire last evening at 5:01 o'clock from box 34, was caused by a burning chimney at the home of Mrs. Dora Draft, 156 South Third street.

Some boys seeing flames shoot up from the chimney hastened to box 34 at the corner of South Second and East streets, and turned in an alarm. No damage resulted. A very large crowd of people assembled at the scene.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather a number of young men and some elderly gentlemen visited Prof. John Manning's training school last evening, it being the opening of the school. A number of very clever "set to's" were witnessed and the objects of the school were fully explained by the professor. A good number of scholars have enrolled their names for a course of training. The school will be open every night until further notice.

Cape overcoats, plug hats, and large, silver handled umbrellas, are at a premium at the depot this morning. The Lewis James Theater Co. bound for Milwaukee caused this change in fashions.

As Miss Jennie Metcalf, principal of the Washington school, was descending the stairs after the close of the afternoon session yesterday, she met with a very painful accident. When nearly to the bottom of the flight, she turned her ankle over, and fell forward on her face, fracturing one of the large bones of her right wrist, and straining the ligaments and tendons severely. Drs. Mills and Palmer dressed the injury, and Miss Metcalf will attend to her duties the same as usual.

"If the study of stenography were included in the curriculum of the public schools," said Commissioner Gibbons, of New York city, the other day, "and from the primary grade upward the pupils were to receive their instruction in all subjects from books printed in shorthand characters and taught to carry on all their correspondence in this abbreviated form, what would be the result in a few years. Imagine the younger generation thoroughly schooled in this language of signs; all the standard works of literature printed according to the established rules; the newspapers appearing

in these curves and straight lines, and letter writing carried on in this way! If these ideas were carried out, time would be reduced to a minimum and we would gain a unique individuality among nations. You could then carry a complete edition of Shakespeare in your pocket, and your morning paper could be delivered to you in an envelope. It would work a revolution in affairs, if such a thing were possible."

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE REPORT OF HON. OTTUS MINER, TREASURER.

The Wisconsin State Agricultural Society held its annual meeting for the settling with its officers in Madison yesterday. Treasurer Miner presented the following report:

To the Officers and members of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to hand you herewith a report of the financial transactions of your society for the year ending Dec. 4, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTUS MINER, Treasurer. Ag'l. Rooms, Madison, Dec. 4, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

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OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Quarterly Report of Chief Engineer Henry Blunk.

ITS CONDITION AND WANTS

Twelve Cents a Day for Horse Feed—What The Chief Recommends.

Chief Engineer Blunk filed his quarterly report with the city clerk last Monday. The report reads as follows:—

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit my report relating to the condition of the fire department for the quarter ending with date:

Since my last report there have been five fire alarms, two of which were without cause. The total number of alarms since January 1st, 1899, is thirty-nine (39), being the largest number in any one year since the organization of the fire department.

The apparatus of the fire department is now in good condition, and the houses are in good repair.

The horses are in good condition and health.

There have been two changes in the membership of the department since my last report. On October 21st, John Abbott was appointed a member to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of John M. Ehringer, and on the same day John Kanute was appointed to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Morrissey. The former was assigned to hose company No. 2, and the latter to the hook and ladder company.

The committee on fire and water, under instructions from the common council, have sold the Sibley fire engine to the city of Durand, Wisconsin, and received therefor the sum of \$1,600. The committee also sold to the same city one of the old two-wheel horse carts, a coal cart, the old Sibley heater, and the hook and ladder truck now in service in our department, receiving \$200 for the same.

The engine, hose cart, coal cart, and the heater have been delivered. The hook and ladder truck is for future delivery.

Following this sale of old apparatus, the common council purchased an approved modern hook (and ladder truck, commonly called an aerial truck, manufactured by E. B. Preston & Co., of Chicago. It is expected this new truck will be ready for delivery about the first of January. [The purchase of this truck will make it necessary to employ an additional full paid man, the purchase of two heavy horses, the purchase of a double set of swinging harness, and the sale of the present horse now in service on the old hook and ladder truck.

The one thousand feet of White Anchor hose recently purchased has arrived and is now in service.

Since my last report I have sold an old pump formerly in use at the west side engine house, receiving \$5 for the same; I have also loaned hose for use in filling private cisterns on four occasions, receiving for each cistern the sum of fifty cents. This money—seven dollars—has been placed in the hands of the city treasurer.

Since September 9th, the date of my last quarterly report, I have purchased subsistence for the fire department horses as follows:

October 9th—Horse.....\$4.45

October 12th—200 bushels of oats.....40.00

October 12th—1,500 pounds of hay.....5.50

October 12th—2,000 pounds of hay.....8.00

November 4th—2,500 pounds of hay.....10.00

November 8th—2,700 pounds of hay.....10.80

At a cost of.....\$69.64

We have now on hand subsistence for twelve days, which makes the cost of feed per horse for the past ninety-one days a very small fraction, in excess of twelve cents per day.

In order that the paid men may have one night off in each week, I would recommend that an order be adopted by the common council, requiring that call men take turns in sleeping in the engine houses. This can be accomplished without any hardships to the call men, as each one night in alternate weeks, at the same time it would be giving the regular men a deserved night off.

I frequently receive requests from other departments for copies of the rules and regulations of our department, and have been unable to supply the same, not having printed copies. I request that permission be granted to have that part of the city charter relating to the fire department, together with all ordinances, rules and regulations, and the water works franchise, printed in pamphlet form. This would be a great convenience to members of the department as well as to others, and give us an opportunity to exchange courtesies with other fire departments. These documents are now scattered in the ordinance book and council journals, requiring much time to find when wanted for reference.

Our fire alarm system, especially the battery, has not been cared for as it should be. I deem it my duty to call your attention to this fact. I am convinced that there are more battery cells in use than would be required if the same received proper care and attention. I believe this battery can be better attended to by the department, and at less expense, than under the present arrangement. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BLUNK, Chief Engineer.

December 3d, 1899.

Low Rates for the Holidays.

For the Christmas and New Year's Holidays the Chicago & North-Western Railway will sell excursion tickets at low rates. For full information apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company.

MATHENONIAL.

NOTES—SYNDER.

Married—at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. C. F. Elliott, No. 225 South Main street, at ten o'clock this morning, Mr. Charles Noyes and Miss Florence Olive Snyder. The newly wedded couple left on the noon train for Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco.

Children's blackboards at Sutherland's bookstore.

THE BALMORAL CHORUS.

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 14.

The concert was under the patronage of Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland, and Her Grace the Duchess Dowager of Athole. The Balmoral Chorus is the greatest attraction that can be offered to all who truly enjoy a thoroughly well-prepared and well-served feast of vocal music. The members and Mr. Bruce were loudly cheered on their appearance.

The part-singing of the chorus was of the most finest character, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find better. Every part-song, glee and chorus had that exquisite style and finish which the rare combination of splendid voices, carefulness of training and practice in execution alone can give, producing at times an amount of volume almost incredible from the number of voices, and at others, the most refined pianissimo in perfect harmony, far surpassing in subtlety of effect the most ingenious musical instrument in existence, while between these two extremes the chorus could produce, at the signal from the conductor's baton, every conceivable variety of light and shade. The personnel of the chorus is just now as perfect as it ever can be, and the present programme, which is one of the richest and most varied, has been especially prepared for a lengthened tour in America. Mr. Doelman wished them a successful tour in America, where he was sure their splendid music would give much happiness to many thousands of hearts and would meet with the high appreciation it deserved.—Pershore Advertiser, Sept. 20th, 1899.

The net profits of this concert will be donated to the city hospital fund. The concert is given under the auspices of the Rock County Caledonian Society.

STATE BASE BALL LEAGUE.

A MEETING TO ORGANIZE TO BE HELD IN RACINE DECEMBER 10.

A meeting of delegates from cities interested in forming a Wisconsin state base ball league has been called to take place at the Merchant's hotel, Racine, Wis., in December. The following cities will probably send representatives, and from the number a strong circuit can be formed: Oshkosh, Racine, La Crosse, Wausau, Madison, Appleton, Duluth, Janesville, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan and Green Bay. Good live cities not only on the foregoing list, but interested in such a project, are invited to correspond with J. H. Roushok, No. 630 West Harrison street, Chicago, Illinois. Manager Roushok, of last season's Grand Rapids Club; Manager Harry T. Smith, of last season's Springfield, Illinois, club, and Manager Billy Harrington, of the Canton, Ohio, club, will attend the meeting in Racine, December 10th, to help perfect the organization of the Wisconsin league, and with such great organizers and hustlers, the league will certainly be one of the best organized in the country.

AND THE SPARROW LIVED.

HOW THE BOLD BIRDS TACKLED A JUG-NUT IN A TRAMP'S MOUTH.

Racine Journal.—Much has been written and said about the festive English sparrow, their destructively manner and boldness. But the best story yet heard was related to the reporter last evening, and the sparrows and a tramp were the principals.

Not many months ago a tramp, just one of the benches at East Park, sunning himself, under the warming influence of the sun and a good "jag" of liquor the tramp leaped into a state of somnolence. He had been manhandling an uncertain manner a doughnut, and a number of crumbs were scattered upon his lap. During his nap on the doughnuts he had fallen asleep, and as he snored his teeth were clinched upon the doughnut, which was protruding from his lips.

Two hungry sparrows arrived upon the scene. They flew upon the back of the sleeping tramp and anxiously eyed the "sleeping beauty." He slept on. The sparrows flew to the ground and boldly advanced to the tramp's feet and began dining upon the crumbs. The two sparrows were soon joined by others, and in a short time about fifty were picking up the crumbs. When the crumbs had disappeared the sparrows looked around for more. The crumbs on the tramp's lap or knees caught the birds' eyes. About a score of them flew upon the man's lap and devoured the crumbs there. Then the portions of the doughnut in the tramp's mouth demanded the attention of the sparrows; all sense of fear seemed to have left the birds. First one and then another hopped upon the tramp's face and began picking away at the doughnut. In a short time about twenty sparrows had alighted upon the tramp's head, face, neck and shoulders.

The man slept until the sparrows began fighting for possession of points of vantage upon his face. Then he awoke with a start. He clutched wildly at the air, and the sparrow flew twittering up into the tree overhead. Seeing a couple of boys standing near him grinning the tramp jumped to the conclusion that the had disturbed his repose. He began to berate the lads and made such a fuss that the police were sent for, and the fellow was arrested for drunkenness